

CLUBS.

Mrs. Stoutenborough will be the guest of the Runic club during the meeting of the Missouri Federation, which will be held at St. Joe on October 23, 24 and 25.

The following is the program of the opening meeting of the Fairbury Women's club, held on Tuesday, October 1, at the home of Mrs. Sarbach: Business; music; response—summer saunterings or a current event; song; president's remarks; recitation, Mrs. Showalter; music.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Sorosis club of Auburn was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Gardner last week Friday evening. Mrs. Gardner was elected president, Miss Anna Hopkins vice president, Miss Katherine Gilmore secretary, and Miss Lizzie Shurtleff treasurer.

The Woman's club of Madison met at the home of Mrs. Prince on Thursday. The subject considered was "North American Indians," with the following program: General characteristics, Mrs. Kilpatrick; short talks, club members; religion, Mrs. Long; myths and legends, Mesdames Garrett, Foster, Loncker, Grant, Jacobs; parliamentary law, Miss Tompkins; American music; paper; Indian lullaby; paper.

One of the new clubs in Nebraska is the St. Cecilia club of Falls City. At the meeting last week a permanent organization was effected and a constitution was adopted. The St. Cecilia is a musical club, and the following program rendered last week proves that the year's work will be serious and conscientious: Paper, "Music," Miss Nellie Gilman; impromptu, Miss Maude Graham; paper, "Mozart," Miss Lois Keeling; Evening Song, Miss Maude Jussen; Fantasia, Miss Zola Jones.

The Nebraska W.C.T.U. held its annual meeting in Omaha this week. Of the state officers the president, Mrs. Susannah M. Walker, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary D. Russell, are from Lincoln; the vice president, Mrs. Dora V. Wheelock, is from Superior; Mrs. Medora D. Nickel, recording secretary, is from Beatrice, while the treasurer, Mrs. Eusebia M. Cobb, comes from York. Mrs. Belle Kearney, national lecturer of the W.C.T.U., addressed the convention on Wednesday evening.

The year book of the Seward History and Art club for 1901-1902 is received. The opening meeting will be held this evening with the president, Mrs. Langworthy, and will take the form of a musical. The husbands of the members will be invited to this meeting. The motto of the club, "No Footsteps Backward," is significant. The object is culture: "To paint a little, to sing a little, to dance a little, to quote passages from the late popular books, is not culture. Culture means mastery over self, politeness, charity, fairness, good temper, good conduct." History will form the basis of the season's study, with occasional programs devoted to different subjects by way of variety. October nineteenth will be library day; on November sixteenth the subject for consideration will be art, while on November thirtieth an original story will be read by each member of the club. The History and Art club, which consists of twenty four members, was admitted as a charter member of the Nebraska federation in 1894. It has been especially fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Langworthy as president

from year to year. Under her able administration the work of the club has been both pleasant and profitable, and the spirit of true cordiality, which should exist in all women's clubs, is found here in a remarkable degree.

Extensive additions are being made to Hull House, Chicago, under the direction of Miss Jane Addams and her assistants. The labor museum is being enlarged, and workshops are being built under the gymnasium. An apartment house also is in process of construction which is designed to serve as a model for property owners in that vicinity. A tenement will soon be built to be occupied by poor working women. A day nursery will be a prominent feature of this establishment in which children will be cared for during working hours.

A club made up of girls and women in domestic service has been started by three maids employed by Mrs. Thomas W. Spencer, a prominent club woman of Milwaukee. Mrs. Spencer has interested many of her friends in the undertaking. They will give moral and financial support, if necessary, and an attractive club room will be secured where games and other forms of entertainment may be enjoyed. Said one of the founders of the club: "We don't want a union because we are satisfied with our work, and there is no need of making any united demands. But we do feel that the club will help us to raise the public's opinion of our social standing. As far as we are able, we shall make the club attractive, so that those girls who have not yet proved themselves eligible will find it worth while to try to do so."

Six years ago, when a woman who had served the town in many useful capacities died in Deerfield, Massachusetts, her friends decided to erect a fitting memorial. And in place of a tablet or fountain or other token of small use, they conceived the idea of a village club room. In The Ladies' Home Journal for October Mary E. Allen tells of this appropriate and novel tribute and the way it is conducted. It consists of a large room with an open fireplace, cozy window seats and low bookcases, a coat-room, a small kitchen and closets. The bookshelves contain a free library of about four hundred books. A piano has been loaned and some other furniture given. A number of folding chairs and tables were bought. By means of these an audience may be seated or a supper served. The Martha Goulding Pratt memorial is owned by a regularly incorporated body, controlled by seven trustees. A committee of twelve women is appointed to see that things are kept in order.

The Seattle city federation of clubs is considering the establishment of a free kindergarten to be supported by club women. It is estimated that at this time two thousand children in the city need this kind of training. The club women are united in the desire to accomplish this worthy object.

Helen Churchill Candee discusses in the October Century the characteristics of the presidents of women's clubs, and comments upon the field filled by these organizations in the west.

If any one should doubt the desire of the small remote town to make itself intellectually worthy, let him read the program prepared for the winter work of a club which occupied a prominent social position on the prairies of the middle west. Here are some of the topics for papers, all to be prepared without the advantages of a library, either public or private, and with no educational advantages beyond a local newspaper: "Was the Victory of Wellington at Waterloo a Triumph of Medievalism or of Democracy?" "Is the

French Republic or Ours the Best Illustration of the "Political Ideas of Rousseau?" "The Race Problem of South-eastern Europe," "The Pessimism of the Russian Novel," "Will the Common Hatred of the Japanese and Chinese for the European Form a Bond Strong Enough to Hold China for the Yellow Man?" "Will Christian Ethical Ideas be More Easily Grafted on the Cold Selfishness of Confucianism or on the Self-respecting Ideals of Buddhism?"

Does not this illustrate the idea that when an American woman determines to do a thing she does it, without stopping to inquire if it is among the possibilities? How well she does it is another matter. My recollection suggests that in this case she laughingly evaded most of the questions, and made up by general cordiality and light refreshments, by no means a poor substitute in a border town barren of social life.

Of two hundred clubs in New York state, half are literary. This spark from the log of statistics shows the popularity of the self culture club. There undoubtedly is something in it which appeals to the vanity which shapes our ends. It is gratifying to be considered erudite, to know a little more than our neighbors know. It is like a more sumptuous edition of the teacher's mandate in baby days: "You may step up to the head of the class."

And yet, notwithstanding its popularity, an unquiet longing possesses, to some extent, the club which hangs out its banner for self-culture bearing the name of literature, art, music, or current topics. And this longing illustrates the trend of the day in women's clubs; it is a longing toward practicality. Altruism being the watchword of the day, and brotherly love an increasing passion, women are not long content to serve only themselves. And so the clubs for self-culture are feeling restless stirrings of wishing to do something for the community. Fortunately, there are appropriate objects for them all, and perhaps they may advance toward these.

Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, dean of the woman's department of the University of Michigan, writes in the Detroit Free Press on the subject of women's clubs. Says Dr. Mosher:

"Among the causes of the lengthening of the registers of our colleges, and the increase of a popular belief in the so-called 'higher education' for men and women, there is one factor commonly overlooked, and that is the influence of women's literary clubs. A teacher of long experience in the public schools lately said to me: 'When I have a pupil unusually bright, and quick to comprehend my teaching, I usually find that his mother is an active member of a woman's club.' This means that the child lives in an atmosphere of books and magazines and conversation about world happenings. Women who read, study and think together, soon outgrow petty neighborhood rivalries and gossip, and it is the thinking women who meet the difficult problems of the home most wisely. These also are the women who comprehend the true significance of education, and whose children therefore are most likely to reach the college and the university.

The history of the growth of women's clubs is a remarkable one. Less than forty years ago a few women, inspired by the stirring events of the Civil War, started a club in New York City. Today women's clubs are found in thirty states, in numbers reaching far into the thousands. The membership of these clubs numbers more than one hundred and fifty thousand. Scores of similar societies also exist. The aim of these clubs is one, and that ethical and intellectual growth. Could it be otherwise than that the outcome should be a flooding of the institutions of learning

broughtout our land, and with girls no less than with boys.

A distinguished university president not long since was criticised for "spending so much time and thought" upon the 'Women's Annex' of the college. 'What institution am I working for,' he replied, 'but — college? These women will marry and bear sons; where will they send them but to the college with which they themselves were connected?' To what institution of higher education will the members of the women's clubs of Michigan send their sons and daughters but to those which offer the best advantages, both intellectual and moral, to them?

The State Federation of Women's Clubs is about to hold its annual meeting at Ann Arbor for the first time in its history. Many out of the three hundred officers and delegates have never visited the far-famed state university. Who can tell how many of the boys and girls now growing up in the homes of these Michigan mothers will, through the influence of this meeting in Ann Arbor, eventually find their way to the university? In what buildings could the meetings of the state federation be held more appropriately than in the Barber gymnasium, to the construction of which the clubs donated eleven hundred dollars, a few years ago, when money was so much needed?

The meetings will begin on the 28th of October and end on November 1st."

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" Elizabeth Langworthy, Seward.
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Miss Cory Berryman, Central City.

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" Brainard Dearborn, Wakefield.
" E. M. Smith, Wayne.

PROGRAM.

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" Hainer, Aurora.
" Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth.

TRANSPORTATION.

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" E. V. Herford, Omaha.

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Mrs. Archibald Scott, Lincoln.

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